



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: **April 14, 2026**

TITLE: **Approval of the Closure Recommendation for Agriscience for the 2026-2027 SY**

BACKGROUND:

Over the last several years, the Agriscience program has faced persistent challenges with student enrollment. We have made efforts to sustain the program in recognition of its historical significance, but participation levels have remained low.

In the 2025-2026 school year, enrollment totaled 42 students. Current pre-registration projections for the upcoming year indicate a decline to approximately 24 students across all three levels of the program, reflecting a return to historically low participation trends. Our action in this matter would, notably, be consistent (and thus equitable) with similar actions proposed and taken for other high school programs, such as International Baccalaureate.

In addition to the low enrollment, the cost to operate the Agriscience program ranges from approximately \$160,000 to \$200,000 annually. Given the district's current financial constraints, including the recent closure of four elementary schools, it is necessary to evaluate all programs through the lens of fiscal responsibility and student impact.

We have carefully reviewed program sustainability, cost per student, and alignment to broader district priorities. Based on these considerations, it is no longer financially feasible to continue operating the Agriscience program at its current cost for the number of students served.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Agriscience program be closed for the 26-27 school year and beyond.

INITIATED BY:

Julie Valenzuela, Director of 21st Century Education

Date: April 8, 2026

Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent